

# Know Your Tr-“outfit”

Fly and spin fishing outfits have the same parts but are designed to cast in two different ways. Take a close look at each outfit below. What are some similarities and what are some differences?

| Differences     | Fly Fishing Gear   | Spin Fishing Gear   |
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| Rod             | Longer, lighter, flexible  | Shorter, heavier, less flexible   |
| Line            | Fly line-braided nylon coated with PVC and transparent leader system, capable of casting lightweight flies       | Monofilament-single strand of plastic line that is carried by heavier lures   |
| Reel            | Simple design that stores line, provides drag and counterbalances the long fly rod                               | (A) Open spool with a bail<br>(B) Closed spool with a trigger   |
| Casting         | The fly and leader are along for the ride as the fly line carries them to the intended target                    | The line is along for the ride as the weight of the lure carries the line through the guides to the intended target |
| Flies vs. lures | Flies (dry flies, nymphs, emergers or streamers) made with feathers, fur, thread and other lightweight materials | Natural bait or lures made with plastic, metal, wood or other materials   |

